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Dr. Austin J. McCaffrey
Commissioner of Education
State Board of Education

Dear Dr. McCaffrey:

Wallace D. Black, State Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, has requested our assistance in determining whether his department may enter into contracts with the Social Security Administration and may receive and disburse federal funds for the purposes of such contracts.

It is my opinion that under the provisions of R.L. c. 134, ss. 6 and 7, there is ample authority for the State Board to establish that the Vocational Rehabilitation Division may enter into agreements with the Federal Government. Funds received by the State Treasurer in pursuance of such agreements, may be paid out upon proper order of the State Board.

Very truly yours,

Arthur E. Bean, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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